GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bales of cotton produced in the country during the last three years vis a vis the target that were set in those years;

(b) whether the domestic demand for cotton, cotton clothes and cotton readymade dresses are increasing every year;

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase the production; and

(d) the targets set for the coming thee years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a): The target and production of cotton during the 10th Five Year Plan are as under:-

(In lakh bales of 170 kg. each)

YEAR	TARGET (under Technology Mission on Cotton)	TARGET(Projected consumption by working group on 10th Plan for Textile & Jute Industry)	PRODUCTION
2002-03	160.63	184	136.00 (Actual)
2003-04	172.70	192	177.00 (Actual)
2004-05 #	187.38	199	213.00 (Provisional)

Projected

(b): Yes Sir. The domestic consumption of cotton during last three years is as under:-

(In lakh bales of 170 kg. each)

2001-02	171.76
2002-03	168.83
2003-04	173.25
2004-05 (Projected)	193.00

Includes mill (SSI / Non-SSI) and Non-Mill Consumption

Production, import and export of Cotton Cloth are as under:

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
PRODUCTION (In million square metre)	19769	19300	18040
Import in Million Kg.	9	14	51
Export in Million Kg	221	253	773

Note: Details regarding production of ready made garments is not available.

(c) & (d): The Government of India had already launched Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) in February 2000 in the course of 9th Five Year Plan, with the objective of improvement in the production, productivity and quality of cotton and reduction in cost of cultivation, in order to provide abundant supply of good quality cotton at competitive prices to the textile industry and a remunerative return to the farmer. The TMC scheme has been continued during the 10th Five Year Plan i.e upto 2006-07.

To improve the technology level of the Industry, the Government of India has launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for Textile and Jute Industries w.e.f. 1.4.1999 for a period of 5 years i.e. upto 31.03.2004 which was subsequently extended upto 31.03.2007 i.e till the end of 10 Five Year Plan. The scheme provides 5% interest reimbursement for Rupee Term Loan (RTL) and exchange rate fluctuation / forward cover premium limited to 5% for Foreign Currency Loan (FCL) availed for a project in conformity with the scheme.

The Government of India has not fixed any target for production of cotton and cotton cloth for coming three years. However, the Technology Mission on Cotton has projected production of cotton for 2005-06 and 2006-07 at 198.41 and 215.00 lakh bales respectively. There are no firm projections for production of cotton cloths in the country. However, it is expected that the cotton cloth production in the country may go up to 16850 and 17500 million square metres during 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.